

## **Pierce County Democrats**

### **Resolution to Censure Sen. Rodney Tom & Sen. Tim Sheldon**

**Whereas**, the Senator Rodney Tom and Senator Tim Sheldon, the senators from the 48<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, was nominated by the Democratic Party and elected by the voters of their respected Legislative District running as a Democrat; and

**Whereas**, the Charter of the State Democratic Party provides that “those elected as Democrats have the obligation to support the principles of the Democratic Party...”; and

**Whereas**, the Senators instigated this unprecedented coup and turned his back on sincere offers for shared leadership with the Democratic caucus thereby thwarting the will of the voters who elected a Democratic majority in the state senate; and

**Whereas**, the Senator received substation material help from the Democratic Party, including volunteers, access to VoteBuilder and for Senator Rodney Tom over \$70,000 in cash and in-kind donations leading to his re-election in 2010,

**Now Therefore Be it Resolved**, that the Pierce County Democrats formally censures Senator Rodney Tom of the 48<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and Tim Sheldon of the 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative District for their behavior that has harmed every democratic senator, denying leadership position to some and hindering their ability to pass legislation consistent with the Democratic values and platform including limiting the ability of the Governor and the legislature to pass a budget consistent with those values and platform.

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the Democratic Party will withhold from Senator Tom and Senator Sheldon access to funds, volunteers, VoteBuilder and other support, since the purpose of such Party support is to elect Democrats who will support the Democratic Party, leadership and passing Democratic-sponsored legislation.

**Be it Finally Resolved**, that the Democratic Party urges all its friends and associates to similarly withhold their monetary and non-monetary support from the Senator from the 48<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and the Senator from the 35<sup>th</sup>.

Adopted by the full body of the Pierce County Democratic Party at its 2013 Re-Organization meeting thereof held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013.

Chair,  
Pierce County Democrats

Secretary,  
Pierce County Democrats